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SUBJECT: LI PENG'S TRIP TO EUROPE AND NEW YORK --
A PLUG FOR CHINA (AND FOR LI)

1. [REDACTED]

2. SUMMARY: CHINESE PREMIER LI PENG'S LONG-PLANNED
WINTER VISIT TO EUROPE WILL NOW BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A
TRIP TO NEW YORK FOR THE BRITISH-SPONSORED UNSC
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. THE ADDITION OF THE
NEW YORK MEETING -- AND POSSIBLE BILATERALS THERE --
TO A SCHEDULE THAT NOW INCLUDES SWITZERLAND, ITALY,
PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND (PERHAPS) MALTA, WILL, FOR
CHINA, MARK A FURTHER (AND IN CHINA'S VIEW
BARELY-COMPLETE) ROUTING AWAY FROM THE SHADOW OF
TIAXANNEN AND THE SUBSEQUENT INTERNATIONAL
ISOLATION.

SUMMARY

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6. COMMENT: THE EUROPEAN TRIP WAS CLEARLY SEEN BY
THE CHINESE AS A NEAR-FINAL STEP IN CHINA'S MOVEMENT
AWAY FROM THE SHADOW OF TIAXANNEN AND RELATED
WESTERN OPPROBRIUM. LI'S ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW YORK
MEETING WILL REINFORCE THIS PERCEPTION.

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